## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Confirmation No.: 4661

DANILO PORRO Group Art Unit: 1636

MICHAEL SAUER

Examiner: Walter Schlapkohl

Serial No.: 10/606,302

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For: ASCORBIC ACID PRODUCTION FROM YEAST CUSTOMER NO. 23720

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 12, 2006

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006, for which the three-month date for response is April 12, 2006.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.594096RE.

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments to the specification (pp. 2-3), amendments to the claims (pp. 4-8), and remarks (pp. 9-18).